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Czechoslovakia-USSR: Czechoslovak leaders are stubbornly insisting on carrying out their reform program and appear in no hurry--or perhaps are undecided how--to clamp down domestically.

Prague leaders have been briefing regional and district party officials on their recent trip to Moscow, and have not yet indicated when they will convene a central committee plenum to ratify the Moscow communiqué. President Svoboda demonstrated his unity with the party leaders yesterday, affirming that the government will gradually introduce Dubcek's liberal policies.

Czechoslovak press, radio and television have reacted to news of Dubcek's commitment to tighten controls over them by resuming direct criticism of the occupation powers. Various intellectuals and writers reportedly feel that the Czechoslovak leadership may have sacrificed too much in Moscow. It is possible that the increased press criticism reflects this feeling.

The Soviet press has not yet responded to the latest sallies of the Czechoslovak media. A TASS report on the Czechoslovak presidium meeting of 9 October was phrased so as to suggest to the Soviet reader that Prague was now more determined than before to carry out the Moscow agreement. Pravda juxtaposed the TASS report, however, with excerpts from a speech by Polish party leader Gomulka in which he criticized the persistent failure of the Czechoslovaks to normalize relations between parties. It is unlikely that the Soviet propagandists will be silent much longer.

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